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NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE HONORS DR. LUCILLE F. STICKEL

The Aldo Leopold Memorial Award, the highest honor the wildlife profession can bestow, has been presented to Dr. Lucille F. Stickel, director of the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

The award was presented by William Klimstra, President of the Wildlife Society, at the 39th annual banquet of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference meeting in Denver, April 2.

The award, named after the pioneer wildlife scientist, Aldo Leopold, is given for "outstanding service and distinguished contributions in the field of wildlife research and in furthering the cause of sound conservation."

Dr. Stickel, the first woman to receive the award, has a long and distinguished career in research and research administration. She pioneered research to evaluate the effects of pesticides on wildlife species and has been directing the Fish and Wildlife Service's pesticides research since 1965. She has worked at the Patuxent Research Center, Laurel, Md., since 1956 as a research biologist, and in 1973 was named Director of the center. The center's staff of over 100 focuses on environmental pollution, the conservation of endangered species, and prevention of crop damage by birds.

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton said, "I am proud that a distinguished professional like Lucille Stickel was chosen for this award. She is among the highest ranking career women in the Federal Government and has long been recognized within Government as a dedicated professional. I am pleased to see our feeling about Dr. Stickel confirmed by other professionals such as those distinguished members of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference."

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